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MASONS HONOR CARLSBAD MAN.

Hold Services for C. H. McLenathen, Former Mayor and Banker.

Masons conducted services Thursday of last week in honor of Charles H. McLenathen, who had been high in the councils of the order. Mr. McLenathen had been unable to recover from the effects of operations performed at the Mayo Institute at Rochester, Minn.

Mr. McLenathen had been unanimously elected mayor of the town, although a Republican in a Democratic stronghold. He had been president of the National bank, of the Pecos Water Users Association, was one of the first county commissioners of Eddy county, was sent to Washington with other associates to secure government aid when floods had wrecked the irrigation project, then under private control, and had been spokesman of the party before president Roosevelt. He had traveled extensively abroad, and knew the Holy Land as a book. He was past master of the Blue Lodge, had been given honors in the chapter and commandery, and had taken his 32nd degree.

Gov. W. E. Lindsey had appointed him a member of the county council of defense and he was of its executive committee. He did much toward raising a membership of nearly 2,000 people in the local Red Cross chapter and frequently served on its committees. He was a warden of Grace church and was a Bible student of unusual knowledge.

Two sons, one a volunteer in France, and his wife and two sisters survive him. Albuquerque Journal.

EDDY LODGE NO. 21, A. F. & A. M.

Carlsbad, N. M., Mar. 26, 1919. Whereas, It has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to take from our midst Brother Charles H. McLenathen whose services have been of inestimable value to this lodge, and to the entire community;

And whereas, we wish to call to mind his development of the history of Masonry;

And whereas, in all interests, he has been a leader, kind, charitable and efficient in all things that were for the betterment and elevation of character;

Therefore, be it resolved: That in his death the lodge has lost a brother and the community a friend who was amiable and just to all;

Be it further resolved: That we extend to his relatives our heartfelt sympathy, praying that they may be sustained and strengthened by the Supreme Architect of the Universe in their bereavement; and to our brother, Thomas H. McLenathen, now in the service of his country, we extend fraternal sympathy and pray for his return to fill the place made vacant in our lodge and in our community, always keeping before him the life and estimable character of his father.

Be it further resolved: That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the lodge and that copies be forwarded to the relatives, and that copies also be furnished to the press.

Signed by the Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to call to him our beloved friend and brother in Christ, Charles H. McLenathen,

REPUBLICANS IN STATE LEGISLATURE SHOW WHERE THEY STAND.

Santa Fe, March 27.—One of the problems that has come before the fourth state legislature, and one that has received a great deal of attention from the solons, has been the care of the returning soldiers. Resolutions have been passed by both houses, the still undetermined plans of some of the departments of the government were endorsed, free burials were approved for the soldiers, and many expressions of admiration for the soldiers and their sacrifice were made by the members of the legislature, but when the Democrats endeavored to tack an amendment on to the mounted police bill, giving the soldiers preference in the appointments to the jobs that would be open on that force, the Republicans killed the amendment with an enthusiasm that showed exactly where they stand. The majority party in the present legislature will do anything for the returning soldiers except give them jobs that will enable them to support themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder, of Lakewood, are in town this week stopping at the J. F. McClure home on Main street.

Our Warden, and ever since its inception for thirty years, a member of the Committee of Grace church, an active worker in the Church and Sunday School, and a leader in this community in all good work;

Resolved, in behalf of Grace Mission, that we, as members of this Committee, and all the members of Grace Mission, in the death of this dear comrade, neighbor and friend, have suffered the irreparable loss of one who was ever ready with heart, hand and purse, with word of comfort and cheer, to succor and encourage the unfortunate, the sick and the sorrowful, and to cheer the downhearted; a thorough Christian in word and deed; a courteous gentleman of high principles and wide learning; a citizen of the highest type of loyalty to his Maker, his Church, his friends and neighbors, his country and his community; a loving friend of noble purpose and high vision in all adversity; a gift of Divine Providence of great price to Carlsbad;

Resolved: That, while in the flesh he is gone, his works remain with us as treasured memories of permanent achievement; and his spirit shall be a perpetual inspiration toward better things in our daily lives.

Resolved, in behalf of all members of Grace Mission, we offer to his bereaved family, our heartfelt sympathy in their great personal loss, and commend to their comfort the achievements of noble life with nothing to regret, crowned by the triumph of a courageous departure for that other life "beyond the veil", and those moving words in which we all join with them: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Resolved, that these resolutions be signed by the Rector and the Secretary of this committee, that a copy of this be spread upon the minutes and kept in the records of Grace Church and a copy be sent to his family in Carlsbad and to his son in the army in France and to the Bishop of this District.

F. W. PRATT, Rector, Grace Church. COMMITTEE OF GRACE CHURCH By Judson G. Osburn, Secretary.

THRIFT IS POWER



BUY W.S.S.

SAVE AND SUCCEED

WHICH ROAD ARE YOU TRAVELLING?



There are two roads in life. One leads to a quagmire of nothingness. The other leads to success. Both are lined with sign posts to show the wary traveller in which direction he is moving. But many people go along, their eyes on the skies, on the ground, or unseeing in dreamland, never noticing that they are advancing on the wrong highway. Do you know which road you are travelling? Here are the sign posts. The end of one will find you empty-handed. The end of the other will find you with funds for a sunny opportunity—with War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds working for you at over 4% interest.

Spendthrift Road

"This is on me."
"One more of the same."
"Lend me five."
"Charge this."
"Here, boy."
"Where do we go from here?"
"Let's have another round."
"You can go home anytime."
"Your money's no good."
"I can't be bothered with small change."
"The sky's the limit."
"I'm paying for this."
"Don't be a piker."
"It's all in a lifetime."
"More where this came from."
"Aw, come on; he's a sport."
"Money's no object to us."

Thrifty Road

"What is the price of this?"
"One will do."
"The walk will do me good."
"No, thank you."
"I can't afford that."
"Give me your best price."
"I'll carry this."
"I promised my wife."
"I need the money."
"Let me pay my share."
"I can get along without this."
"Is it worth seeing?"
"This is what I've gotten for my money."
"I could, but there are more necessary things to be taken care of first."

DISTRICT COURT.

Judge C. R. Brice opened sessions of the District Court in chambers here Wednesday morning for the purpose of hearing the mandamus case against the county treasurer, C. C. Sikes, instituted by J. M. Dillard for refusing to issue a tax deed to a tract of land. The court held that it was up to the plaintiff to prove every step taken in the acquisition of the title certificate fully complied with the law in every particular. Sikes, who was represented by the district attorney, R. C. Dow, and Chas. H. Jones, contended that under the law the property in question belonged to the county after the expiration of three years after the taxes were due and unpaid and that the county had not the right to sell such land except at public auction. After lengthy arguments by counsel yesterday evening the judge reserved his decision in the case until after vital documents were procured which will be offered as evidence and his decision may not be handed down until the first of next week. This may be considered as a test case on tax title deeds and will shape the future course of the county treasurer in issuing or refusing to issue those instruments.

P. U. Auxiliary Plant Meets Emergency.

The good judgement of the Directors of the P. U. Company in installing a 200 H. P. oil burning engine was demonstrated during the high water on Monday and Tuesday when their water power plant was cut off commission. Without the auxiliary plant, the streets would have been in darkness and the citizens burning candles.

Walter Smith and mother, of Loving, left this week for California, going by the north route on account of high water. Mr. Smith will remain for a short visit, his mother residing in California and having been here on a visit to her children.

HORSE THIEF PROVES TO BE DESERTER ALSO.

On Friday night, March the 14, Deputy Sheriff Patton picked up a man by the name of Eugene Conley charged with taking a horse from Will Vermillion without the consent of the owner. He was taken before Justice Richards and was fined \$25.00 and placed in jail. On investigation Patton found he was a deserter from the army at Fort Sill, Okla., and the Deputy Sheriff wired the Commanding Officer at that station. They immediately sent a guard for him.

Priv. Earl Holmes of Battery E, 11th F. A., Fort Sill, Okla., started Monday night with Conley to that station.

MARRIED.

Thursday, March 27th, at the courthouse, by Judge Frank H. Richards, Herbert C. Penniket, of Malaga, and Mrs. Edna Cox, of this city. The happy couple left on this morning train for Malaga, where they will make their future home. Congratulations and best wishes from many friends.

A. Z. Smith, county agricultural agent, left last night for Roswell and expects to remain there until Monday. A meeting will be held at Roswell, looking to the organization of a farm bureau, at which a number of county agents will be present as well as representatives from the agricultural department and from State College, New Mexico.

Robert Leck and family were week-end guests of relatives in town, coming Thursday and remaining until Monday, before leaving for their home near Eunice, New Mexico.

Born:—Tuesday night, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hutchings, a boy baby. This is the second son in the family the other members of which are much pleased over his coming.

ENTIRE INCOME TAX DUE IF FIRST INSTALLMENT IS NOT PAID.

Washington, March 31.—Persons who neglected to pay the first installment of income taxes have lost the installment payment privilege and must now pay their entire income tax upon demand of a revenue collector.

To avoid the penalty of 25 percent, in addition to the regular tax persons who failed to file returns may now submit belated returns with a sworn statement of the reasons for delinquency. Without this the penalty will be imposed.

LAKEWOOD LOCALS.

News of the death of Roy E. Hester, received here last Monday morning from Carlsbad, came as a shock to the friends of the family, and cast a shadow of gloom over our little city. Mrs. Belle DeArment, Mrs. George McDonald, Mrs. B. L. McVeer, Dr. H. Burditt and perhaps others, went to Carlsbad on the afternoon train to offer their services and sympathy to the bereaved family.

Current want ads, certainly being read by Miss Sallie Truitt, the efficient manager of the local telephone system, lost her gold watch, and about two weeks afterward sent a small want ad to the Carlsbad. The paper containing the ad did not reach Lakewood until Saturday afternoon. Sunday Doc McAlister read the ad, and early Monday rushed up to the phone office with the watch. He had found it soon after it was lost and had no idea who it belonged to until he read its description in the Current. It always pays to advertise.

Mrs. W. L. McDonald and children, Mrs. Allen Nelson and children, departed Wednesday night for Miami, Arizona, where Mr. McDonald and Mr. Nelson are already located and awaiting their arrival. A large crowd of neighbors, friends and well-wishers were at the depot to bid them farewell.

Our oldest inhabitants declare that there never has been a rain in March equal to the ones we have had during the past several days. The earth is wet all the way down and prospects for early grass and splendid crops were never so good at this time of year.

Fred Ford went to Carlsbad one day this week to consult a physician, he being a sufferer from heart trouble.

Lewis Howell was in from his ranch Thursday. He says stock and everything else is in fine shape and he has suffered no losses from the rains.

R. G. Adams was in from his ranch Wednesday. He reports everything all right, although he is still having to feed some of his cattle.

A. C. Crozier, local manager of Peoples Mercantile Company, was a business visitor to Carlsbad on Wednesday.

W. G. Cass returned one day this week from Louisiana, where he has been for some time selling some horses which he had shipped from here.

A. P. Rowland, our blacksmith, was a visitor to Carlsbad Wednesday.

WANTED: In Lakewood, a barber who can be made whereby it will pay some enterprising barber to visit Lakewood, say one day on each week, about Friday. We believe that as soon as it becomes known that he will be here on that day, he will get all the work he can do. Let one of your barbers who is not overrun with work give this proposition a try-out.

F. L. Dearborne, of Carlsbad, was here on road business Friday.

Edgar Truitt, of Montana, is visiting his mother, sisters and brother here this week.

G. H. Sellmeyer and W. W. Snyder were business visitors to Roswell Sunday and Monday.

Jasper Fanning went to Artesia on business Thursday.

Colds are prevalent about town, but there is no one seriously sick. Oil people are dropping in almost daily, looking over the prospects and trying to secure holdings.

The Illinois Producing and Refining Company is starting drilling again having at last secured a car of coal.

The rainfall, up to Saturday morning, measured by the government gauge at the Reclamation office a total of 1.61 inches. Dark Canyon overflowed and there was quite a rise in the river at this place. One of our physicians who had been in the lower valley on professional business found the bridge crossing Dark Canyon below town submerged and the water rising rapidly. He made the crossing with difficulty and came on to town. A prominent young stockman, on horseback, was not so fortunate, however, as he missed the bridge, entirely, and he and his horse were submerged for a time, but finally reached terra firma. Stockmen and farmers alike are rejoicing over the beautiful rain, which, coming at this unusual time of year, will do so much for crops and pastures.

Mrs. Fulton Baker returned last week from a visit to her people at Socorro, this state. During her absence, Mr. Baker took advantage of the same to have the smallpox, but has nicely recovered by this time.

REVIEW OF WORK OF STATE LEGISLATURE.

Santa Fe, N. M., March 27.—As the sessions of the fourth legislature have closed it is pertinent to review the work accomplished by the body and to appportion the praise or blame for what has been done and for what has been left undone.

Both parties went on record during the campaign of last fall as being pledged to the strictest economy in the administration of the business of the state. The Democratic party sought to carry out its pledges, and to some extent succeeded in checking some of the most flagrant attempts of the majority to drive the state nearer to bankruptcy, but the overwhelming strength of the Republicans made many of the efforts of the minority futile, and the platform pledges of the Republicans were jettisoned at every opportunity and were discarded from start to finish. Increased appropriations for everything in sight were asked by Republicans, more appropriations were demanded for projects that had only the most shadowy claims on the taxpayer, and additional jobs were created for members of the party in power with a recklessness that pointed to only one aim, and that is the strengthening of the Republican party and its maintenance in the saddle. Some of the legislation passed at the session that closed was beneficial and necessary, some of it was foolish and unnecessary, and a great deal of it was plainly and openly for the benefit of some special interests.

One of the noteworthy aspects of the session was that the Republican party assumed the reins of authority at the first of the year apparently secure in its position as the dominant party, and it ended the session with its ranks split wide open and with its members on the verge of open rupture, and, worst of all, for the party, was the growing dissatisfaction with the chief executive and with the methods that he has adopted in his management of the affairs of the party and of the state. More than one Republican sounded a note of warning of the dangers that were beginning to loom ahead of the party during the next two years, but their warnings were mostly met with a threat of brute force when they were not disregarded entirely.

It is the conclusion of political experts that the Republican party has shot its bolt in less than three months after taking over the control of the state, and that the next two years must see a thorough weeding out of the disturbing elements of the party, and not the least among those who are slated for weeding out is the chief executive, of the methods that he has sought to adopt, and of the false and un-American standards that he has sought to set up for the State of New Mexico.

ATTENTION, KNITTERS!

All women of Carlsbad who can knit are urgently requested to call at the Red Cross rooms, secure yarn and instructions and begin at once. There is now on hand enough yarn for all and a large allotment of socks, sweaters, scarfs and shawls are needed. Come and do your bit! The need is imperative! By a united effort, the yarn now on hand can be knitted up and the articles disposed of before hot weather. Don't forget the suffering people of Europe, and the drive that is now on for used clothing.

MRS. C. H. DISHMAN, Knitting Supervisor.

Mrs. J. F. McClure left Carlsbad Saturday for Monte Vista, Colorado having received word that her mother, Mrs. J. H. Long, was seriously ill. Mrs. McClure arrived there a few hours before the death of her mother, a telegram to that effect having been received by Mr. McClure on Wednesday. The lady was upwards of eighty years old and had been in feeble health for some years. She leaves two sons and two daughters, and her aged husband to mourn her departure. The burial was made at Colorado Springs yesterday. Mrs. McClure will probably remain there a short time before returning to this city.

A. C. Kimbrough arrived in the city Friday, coming from Seagraves, Texas, and says he came in the rain from Cap Rock. The whole country in that section has been very dry and the rain comes as a great blessing.

Ron Holt came in Friday night from his ranch south of town and spent a few days with his family in this city.

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